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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE IN KERALA
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Kerala Government proposes to launch a scheme for the State-wide Information Technology infrastructure in the State titled `Domestic Information Infrastructure Administration through Multi Objective Network Depository` (DIAMOND) with the support of IT Department;

(b) if so, the main features thereof;

(c) whether all the Gram, Block and District Panchayats are proposed to be connected through this scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the extent to which the Government is likely to finance the said scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The DIAMOND (Domestic Information Infrastructure Administration through Multi Objective Network Depository) Project is currently being implemented in two phases by Department of IT, Government of Kerala through Centre for Development of Advance Computing (C-DAC), Thiruvananthapuram. In the first phase of this project an e-Governance Centre has been set up at Thiruvananthapuram and Rapid Application Tools have been developed to create appropriate e-Governance applications, which would run on this State-wide Information Infrastructure. In the second phase, the project aims at aggregating the free bandwidth offered by the basic telecom service providers at selected locations and to make it available to the Government Departments for e-Governance activities. For this purpose it is proposed to set up Networking Centres at Thiruvananthapuram, Kochi and Kozhikode so that every network Centre is within the group-dialing distance of BSNL from any locations in Kerala. The three Networking Centres, when implemented, would establish the State Information Backbone for e-Governance for the State of Kerala.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): Department of Information Technology, Government of India is co-financing the project with State Government on 50:50 basis.